IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 20, line 23, to page 21, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

--The object of the present invention is also achieved when a <u>transitory or non-transitory</u> computer-readable storage medium that records computer-readable program codes for realizing the functions of the above-described embodiments is supplied to a system or apparatus, and the computer (or the CPU or MPU) of the system or apparatus reads out and executes the program codes recorded on the storage medium.--